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Redevelopment Board Minutes 02-28-2000

Members Present: John FitzMaurice
Nora Mann
Roland Chaput
Barry Faulkner
Ed Tsoi

In addition: Alan McClennen, Jr., Secretary ex officio
Kevin O'Brien, Asst. Dir., Planning & Community Dev.

8:00 p.m. The Arlington Redevelopment Board convened in the auditorium of the Robbins Memorial Town Hall to conduct a public hearing under the provisions of the Zoning Bylaw Chapter 40A, Warrant Articles 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 of the Annual Town Meeting.

Warrant Article 5 – Proposed Changes to the “T” District: Several members of the public stood up and supported those changes to the “T” District. Barry Faulkner pointed out that it is important the Town state its preference because all the land in the “T” District does belong to the “T” which is not subject to local zoning but all its licensees are.

Warrant Article 6 – Affordable Housing: Mr. Neal Mongold, 12 Brattle Place, member of the Affordable Housing Task Force, described the reasons for the article. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that discussion on Article 6 would be continued until March 20. On a motion by Nora Mann, seconded by Roland Chaput, there was a unanimous vote in favor.

Warrant Article 7 – It was noted that Article 7 was really not a zoning amendment; therefore, it should be forwarded to the Board of Selectmen.

Warrant Article 8 – The Board reviewed this matter further and concluded that it should be returned to the Board of Selectmen because there is no need to amend the Zoning Bylaw.

Warrant Article 9 – The issue is really not a zoning bylaw, and it can be resolved with the appropriate amendment to the Town bylaws.

Warrant Article 10 – Members of the audience suggested that the Board should try to develop hydrologic studies relating to the Mugar site; and, Mr. McCarthy suggested that the Board and the Conservation Commission could amend their rules and regulations to require these studies. Therefore, it would not be necessary to amend the bylaws. After further discussion, the Board voted on the warrant articles.

Article 10: Moved by Mr. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Mann, that the Board recommend no action; unanimous vote in favor.

Article 5: Moved by Mr. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Mann, to support; unanimous vote in favor.

Article 6: Moved by Mr. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Mann, to continue the hearing to March 20; unanimous vote in favor.

The other articles were returned to the Board of Selectmen because they were not zoning articles.

9:30 p.m. – Board to review 50% plans and specifications for Sunrise Development, Inc., 1395 Massachusetts Avenue. Mr. John Noone and his architect Frank DiMella were present to review proposed material submissions. It was agreed that the plans would be approved subject to a review of siding materials and approval of the Town Engineering Department on drainage matters; unanimous vote in favor.

10:30 p.m. – Adjournment: Moved by Mr. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Mann; unanimous vote in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan McClennen, Jr.